

**MEXICO BORDER GRANT
FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2007 and 2008
NARRATIVE STATEMENT
(R9 Tracking Number 07-427)**

The Mexican Border 105 Grant funding for FY 2007 and FY 2008 will be used to continue the support of the air monitoring network in Tijuana, Tecate, and Mexicali, Mexico and Calexico, California. Additionally, work efforts to support the Baja California Government's operation of the network have continued.

FY 2007

Monitoring and Laboratory Portion:

Monitoring and Laboratory Division (MLD) plans to continue providing a border coordinator to assist Mexico on air pollution/monitoring related issues. MLD is also operating two border air monitoring stations in Calexico, California. Current funds of \$372,000 have been allocated and will be used in the following manner: \$230,000 in contracts for review of the Mexico data and upgrades to the Calexico wind profiler, \$58,000 in supplies for operational and laboratory use, \$69,000 in equipment for laboratory and field use, and \$15,000 in travel to attend meetings and conduct training in Mexico.

Planning and Technical Support Portion:

The Planning and Technical Support Division (PTSD) is requesting **\$15,000** for Fiscal Year 2007 to cover travel expenses incurred by ARB as a result of staff participation in the various coordinating groups under the Border 2012 US-Mexico Environmental Program.

Travel Expenses: \$15,000

Grant funds used for travel expenses related to staff involvement in the following activities:

- 1) Participation in cross-border coordination activities conducted by the Tijuana-San Diego and Imperial County- Mexicali air quality task force.
- 2) Participation in Air Policy Forum and the California-Baja Regional Workgroup meetings to provide input on border-wide and local air quality issues.
- 3) Participation in National Coordinators Meeting and other events associated with the Border 2012 US-Mexico Environmental Program.
- 4) Participation in Mexico air monitoring network workgroup and other meetings associated with monitoring network.
- 5) Participation in Mexicali emission inventory workgroup and other meetings associated with emission inventory updates.

- 6) Technical assistance to local agencies in the development and implementation of air quality improvement strategies.
- 7) Information sharing and outreach activities with citizen and public interest groups in the border region.

FY 2008

Monitoring and Laboratory Portion:

MLD plans to continue providing a border coordinator to assist Mexico on air pollution/monitoring related issues. MLD is also operating two border air monitoring stations in Calexico, California. Current funds of \$359,000 have been allocated and will be used in the following manner: \$90,000 in contracts for transfer standard certification and data review, \$125,000 in supplies for operational and laboratory use, \$129,000 in equipment for laboratory and field use, and \$15,000 in travel to meetings and conduct training in Mexico.

Planning and Technical Support Portion:

Imperial Valley Air Quality Web Site Contract: \$50,000 Recertified Funds

The \$50,000 recertified funds will be used for the continued development of the Imperial Valley Air Quality Website.

PTSD is requesting **\$28,000** for Fiscal Year 2008 to support extended ozone forecasting not covered by the Recertified funds and to cover travel expenses incurred by ARB as a result of staff participation in the various coordinating groups under the Border 2012 US-Mexico Environmental Program.

Contracts: \$13,000

The grant funds will be used to cover additional costs for the Imperial Valley Website not covered by the Recertified Funds due to extending the ozone forecasting for an additional 4.5 months since high ozone days often occurred beyond the scope of the forecasting period in the previous State of Work.

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